AN ORDINANCE OF THE Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament,

For the establishing of the Subsidy of *Tonnage* and *Poundage*, together with the Book of Rates, from the 26. of *March*, 1648. untill the 26. of *March*, 1651.

Die Jovis 16. *Decem.* 1647.

Ordered by the Commons assembled in Parliament; That this Ordinance concerning the Subsidy of Tonnage *and* Poundage, *be forthwith printed and published.*

Hen. Elsyng. Cler. Parl. D. Com.

LONDON,
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WHereas A Bill passed both Houses of Parliament, intituled a Subsidy granted to the King, of Tonnage and Poundage, and other summes of money payable upon Merchandizes exported and imported, whereby the said subsidies and summes of money were granted to continue from the first day of July, one thousand six hundred fourty and two, unto the first day

of March, then next comming, with divers clauses and provisions therein contained; And whereas the said Bill not taking effect, there passed an Ordinance of Parliament, intituled an Ordinance of Parliament concerning the subsidie of Tonnage and Poundage, whereby the said sums are directed to continue from the said first day of Iuly, unto the first day of March, then next ensuing, by way of Loane, which Ordinance by a latter Ordinance of the one and twentieth of January, one thousand six hundred fourty two, was ordered to stand and continue in full force and power, from the expiring of the former Ordinance, untill the six and twentieth day of March, one thousand six hundred fourty foure; And from thence by an other Ordinance of the Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament,

liament, of the eighteenth of September, one thousand six hundred fourty three, to continue till the five and twentieth day of March, one thousand six hundred fourty five. And whereas by an other Ordinance of the Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament, of the one and twentieth day of February, one thousand six hundred fourty foure, It is ordained that the said first Ordinance intituled an Ordinance of Parliament concerning the Subsidy of Tonnage and Poundage, together with the Book of Rates lately agreed on by the Commons House of Parliament, and by their order published in print, and all and every the Articles and Instructions in the said Ordinance and Booke of Rates specified and contained, shall stand and contnue in full force from the said five and twentieth day of

March, one thouſand ſix hundred fourty five inclusive, for and untill the ſix and twentieth day of March, one thouſand ſix hundred fourty ſeven exclusive. And whereas by an other Ordinance of the ſaid Lords and Commons Aſſembled in Parliament of the thirteenth of March, one thouſand ſix hundred fourty ſix; It is ordained that the reſpective Ordinances of Parliament concerning the Subſidy of Tonnage and Poundage, dated the firſt of Iuly, one thouſand ſix hundred fourty two, and the one and twentieth of February, one thouſand ſix hundred fourty foure, together with the Booke of Rates, agreed one by the Houſe of Commons, and by their order publiſhed in print, and all and every the Clauſes, Articles, and Inſtructions in the ſaid Ordinances and Booke of rates ſet downe, ſhall continue

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and ſtand in full force and vertue, from the twenty ſixth of March, then next inclusive, unto the twenty ſixth of March, which ſhall be in the Yeere of our Lord God one thouſand ſix hundred fourty eight inclusive, as by the ſaid Bill and ſeverall Ordinances may appeare. And whereas ſome queſtions have been made and raiſed touching the conſtructions of the ſaid Ordinances, and the power thereby given to the Commiſſioners, Collectors, and other Receivers of the ſaid ſummes, whereby divers arreares thereof have incurred and heere neglected to be paid, for remedy and ſetling whereof, It is declared and Ordained by the Lords and Commons Aſſembled in Parliament; That the ſaid ſeverall ſums called Tonnage and Poundage, and other ſummes of money in the ſaid recited Bills and

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Ordinances mentioned to be granted, shall be adiudged, deemed, and taken to be due and payable; and all seisures heretofore made, for non-payment of any of the said summes, shall be adiudged good and effectuall, & that such & the like forfeitures shall be adiudged to accrew and grow for or by reason of any non-payment of any of the said summes of money, which have happened or shall happen at any time after the end of the said five and twentieth day of March, one thousand six hundred fourty five, untill the six and twentieth of March, one thousand six hundred fourty eight, and such and the like prosecutions for the said summes of money, seisures, and forfeitures, as if the said Bill and the matters therein contained had passed as an Act or Ordinance of Parliament to have had continuance from the said

ſaid firſt day of July, one thouſand ſix hundred fourty two, untill the ſaid ſix and twentieth day of March, one thouſand ſix hundred fourty eight, provided that this preſent Ordinance, or any thing therein contained, ſhall not be conſtrued to make or cauſe any forfeiture of any goods or Merchandizes imported or exported before the five and twentieth day of March, one thouſand ſix hundred fourty five, for which no ſeiſure hath been made for non-payment of the ſaid duties, nor to charge any goods or Merchandizes with any double payment, or any way to impeach or take away the ſaid allowance of fifteene pounds per Centum, in the ſaid firſt recited Ordinance contained. And the ſaid Lords and Commons Aſſembled in Parleament, taking into further conſideration the neceſſity of the continuance

nuance of the ſeverall Fleetes of Ships abroad at ſea for the ſafety of the Realme, doe further Ordaine, that for all goods and Merchandizes exported and imported, there ſhall be paid for and in the name of Tonnage the ſums of money hereafter mentioned; That is to ſay, of every Tun of Wine of the growth of France, or of any of the Dominions of the French King or Crowne of France, that ſhall come into the Port of London, and the members thereof, by way of Merchandize, by the naturall borne Subiects of this Realme of England, and Dominions thereof, the ſumme of foure pounds ten ſhillings of currant Engliſh money, and ſo after that rate: And by Strangers and Aliens ſix pound of like money; and of every Tun of the like Wine brought into all and every other

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Ports and places of this Kingdom and Dominions thereof by way of Merchandize, by the naturall borne Subjects thereof, the sum of three pounds, and by Aliens foure pounds ten shillings, and of every Butt or Pipe of Muskadels, Malmeseyes, Cutes, Tents, Alicants, Bastards, Sacks, Canaries, Malligoes, Maderaes, and other Wines whatsoever, commonly called sweet Wines of the growth of the Levant, Spaine, Portugall, or of any of the Islands or Dominions to them or any of them belonging, or elsewhere that shall come or be brought into the Port of London, by the said naturall borne Subiects, the sum of fourty five shillings of currant English money, and so after that rate, and by Aliens and Strangers three pounds of like money; and of every Butt and Pipe of the

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like Wines brought into all and every the other Ports & places of this Kingdome and Dominions thereof by way of Merchandize, by the naturall borne Subjects thereof, the ſumme of thirty ſhillings, and by Strangers fourty five ſhillings; and of every Awine containing fourty two gallons of Renniſh Wine, or Wine of the growth of Germany, brought, or that ſhall be brought into this Realme and Dominions thereof, by the naturall borne Subjects thereof, the ſumme of twenty ſhillings, of currant Engliſh money, and by Strangers and Aliens the ſumme of five and twenty ſhillings, and ſo after thoſe rates for every greater or leſſer quantity of the ſaid ſeverall ſorts of Wines. And that there ſhall likewiſe be paid one other duty called Poundage: That is to ſay, for all manner

manner of other Goods and Merchandizes of every Merchant, naturall borne Subiect, Denizen and Alien, to be carried out of this Realme, or any the Dominions to the same belonging, or brought into the same by way of Merchandize, of the value of every twenty shillings of the same goods and Merchandizes, according to the severall and particular rates and values of the same goods and Merchandizes, as the same are particularly and respectively rated and valued in the aforementioned Book of Rates; and the Instructions thereunto annexed, the summe of twelve pence, and so after that rate, and of every twenty shillings value of any of the Native commodities of this Realme, or manufactures wrought of any such Native commodities to be carried out of this Realme, by every or any

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Merchant Alien, according to the value thereof in the said Booke expressed, twelve pence over and above the twelve pence aforesaid, (except for all manner of Woollen cloathes made or wrought, or to be made or wrought, within this Realme of England, and the Dominions thereof, commonly called Old Draperies, and all Wines before limited to pay Tonnage as aforesaid. And all manner of fish, English taken and brought by English Bottomes into this Realme, and all manner of fresh Fish and Bestiall that shall come into this Kingdome, and the Dominions thereof; And also be it further ordained, that there shall be paid for every short Woollen cloath to be exported by any naturall borne Subject of this Realme and Dominions thereof called Broadcloath, not exceeding eight and twenty

twenty yards in length, and three-score and foure pounds in weight, the sum of six shillings eight pence of currant English money, and of every cloath of greater length and weight proportionably according to the same rate, and of every other short cloath of old Drapery of lesser length and weight, accompting so many peeces to a short cloath, as are limited and appointed thereunto in the Book of rates aforesaid, to be likewise exported by the said naturall borne Subiects, the like summe of six shillings eight pence, and so after that rate, and by Strangers and Aliens there shall be paid thirteen shillings foure pence for every short cloath accompted as aforesaid, which severall rates are accordingly expressed in the said Booke of Rates, the same payments to be well and truly had and made, and be continued from

from the ſix and twentieth day of March, which ſhall be in the Yeere of our Lord one thouſand ſix hundred fourty eight incluſive, untill the ſix and twentieth day of March, which ſhall be in the Yeere of our Lord, one thouſand ſix hundred fifty and one incluſive. And it is further ordained by the authority aforeſaid, that if any Wines, Goods, or other Merchandizes, whereof any of the duties or ſums of money aforeſaid, ſhall be due or payable, ſhall at any time hereafter, after the ſix and twentieth day of March, in the Yeere of our Lord, one thouſand ſix hundred fourty eight incluſive, untill the ſix and twentieth of March, which ſhall be in the Yeere of our Lord, one thouſand ſix hundred fifty one incluſive be ſhipped or put into any Boat or other Veſſell to the intent to be carried into the parts beyond

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the Seas, or to be laden in any other Ship or Vessell so to be transported, or else shall be brought from the parts beyond the Seas, into any Port, place or Creeke of this Realm, or other his Majesties Dominions, by way of Merchandize, and unshipped to be laid on land: The said duties or sums of money due or to be due for the same, not paid or lawfully tendred to the Commissioners and Collectors for the Customes for the time being, or one of them, or their Deputies, or agreement with them or any of them, made for the same in the open Custome house, with the privity or agreement of the Comptroler & Surveyor there or one of them, according to the true meaning of this Ordinance; That then from the six and twentieth of March, which shall be in the Yeere of our Lord one thousand six hun-

dred fourty eight, all the said Wines, goods, and Merchandizes whatsoever shall be forfeit and lost, the one moity to be to him or them that shall or will seize or sue for the same, and the other moity or value thereof, or fine or composition for the same to be paid to the Commissioners and Collectors of the Customes for the time being, for the use of the Navy, or to such use as the said two Houses of Parliament shall from time to time limit and appoint: And such Goods so seized to be from time to time by the seizer thereof, registred with the Officer thereunto appointed or to be appointed in the Custome house of London. And for preventing all fraud in and about all such Goods, Wares and Merchandizes as shall be carried or passed between Port and Port, within this Kingdome or the Dominions

minions thereof. Be it further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, that no person or persons shall hereafter ship or carry any Goods or Merchandizes prohibited, or whereof any of the duties aforesaid are payable, to discharge the same in any other Port or place of this Realme, unlesse such person or persons doe before the shiping thereof, declare and manifest to the said Commissioners of the Customes, or any one or more of them, or their Deputy, together with the Customer or Comptroler of the said Port or Creeke, where the same shall be shipped in the open Custome house, the nature, length, weight, number, or other contents and value of the same Goods, and with approbation of the said Commissioners, or one of them, and the Officers or their Deputy, shall

also make and enter into a sufficient obligation in the Law in the which he shall be bound to the King, with sufficient sureties, in such summe as shall amount to the double value of the said Goods so declared and manifested, with condition that the same shall be discharged at some Port or Creeke within this Realme, and in no other place; which Bonds the said Commissioners and Officers are hereby required and authorized to take accordingly. And in case any of the said Goods or Merchandizes shall be shipped or laden in any Ship or other Vessell, to be carried or passed between Port and Port as aforesaid, before such Declaration shall be made and security given as aforesaid; that then all and every the said Goods and Merchandizes shall be forfeit and lost, the one moity or the va-

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lue thereof to be to him or them that will seize or sue for the same, and the other moity or value thereof, or Fine, or Composition for the same to be paid to the Commissioners and Collectors of the Customes for the time being, for the use of the Navy, or to such use as the said Houses of Parliament shall from time to time limit and appoint. And be it further Ordained and declared, that every person and persons, that shall ship such Goods, and shall be bound as aforesaid, shall within four moneths next after the shipping thereof, bring a true certificate from the Customer or Collector of the said Port, Creeke, or place where he or they shall happen to discharge the said Goods, together with the Commissioners for the Customes, or one of them, or their Deputy there, testifying

that the same Goods so shipped, and the true nature, length, weight, number, or other content or value thereof is there discharged, which certificate, the Customer of such place where the said Goods shall be discharged, shall upon the discharge thereof deliver to the party so discharging the same, or to his Factor, without delay. And it is further Ordained by the said Lords and Commons, that if any Goods or Merchandizes aforesaid of any Merchant borne Denizen within the time aforesaid, hath been or shall be taken by any enemies or Pirats upon the Sea, or perish in any Ship or Ships happening to be taken or perished, whereof the Customes or Subsidies shall be duely paid or agreed for as aforesaid, and that duely proved in his Majesties Court of Exchequer, by the examination of the Merchants

chants (if living) or of their Executors or Administrators (if dead) or by two credible or other reasonable witnesses, and proof sworne, then the same Merchants, their Executors or Administrators, shall or may in the same Port where the Goods so taken, lost, or perished, were formerly customed, newly Ship so much other Merchandizes or Goods without paying any custome or Subsidy for the same, as that the custome or Subsidy of the said Goods to be newly Shipped shall amount unto the custome or Subsidie formerly paid for the said Goods or Merchandizes so taken, lost, or perished as aforesaid, so as the same proofe be recorded and allowed of in the said Court of Exchequer, and certified by his Majesties Remembrancer of his Exchequer, or of one of the sworne Clarkes of the

ſame Court, to the ſaid Commiſſioners for the cuſtomes or their deputy Collector in the Port where the ſame Wares are to be ſo newly Shipped without Cuſtome as aforeſaid: And further that every Merchant Denizen, Shiping any Goods or Merchandizes in any Carrack or Gally, ſhall pay all manner of Cuſtomes and Subſidies, as any Alien borne out of this Realm. And it is further ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons, that the Commiſſioners and Collectors of the cuſtomes for the time being, and ſuch ſworn deputy and deputies, as by writing under their hands they already have, or ſhall from time to time hereafter thereunto appoint, are authorized and enabled to collect & receive all ſuch ſum & ſums of mony, which from and after the 29th of March, which ſhall be in the yeare of our Lord 1648 inclusive, untill the 26th of

March, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord 1651 inclusive, according to this present Ordinance, and the true intent and meaning thereof. shall be payable or paid by vertue of this present Ordinance, for or in regard of all or any goods or Merchandizes within the time aforesaid, to be exported out of, or imported into, the Port of London, and all or any other ports within the Realme of England, dominion of Wales, and town of Barwick, or the Creeks or members thereof, in such manner as the duties of Tonnage & Poundage have been formerly by the late Farmors, or other Commissioners & collectors of the customes received or collected, and also all the forfeitures aforesaid; which said Commissioners and their aforesaid deputy and deputies, or any one of them, shall have full power and authority

thority to give allowance by way of defalcation out of the said receipts for the customes and duties aforesaid, after the rate of fifteen per centum, out of all such monies as by vertue of this present Ordinance shall be received or collected as aforsaid. All which monies the said Commissioners their deputy or deputies shall receive upon accompt, and shall from time to time issue out the same as the said commissioners shall be authorized by order of the Lords and Commons in Parliament, or by order signed by five at the least of the Committee of the Commons House of Parliament for the navy and customes sitting the said Committee for the use of the Navy, and such fleete or fleetes, which shall be then at sea, or hereafter shall be imployed by authority of both Houses of Parliament, for the guarding of

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the Seas, and defence of the Kingdome, & for other necessary charges for the managing of the service aforesaid, whose order from time to time shall be their discharge: And for the better encouragement of the said Commissioners the said Lords and Commons do further ordaine, That whatsoever act the said commissioners, their deputy, or deputies, or any of them shall doe in execution of this present Ordinance, or any other Ordinances of both Houses of Paliament, now in force concerning the said Tonnage and Poundage, or other affaires of the customes, and of certaine Articles and rules for the better regulating of the Customes & Officers attending the same heretofore prescribed, as wel by the house of Commons as the Committee of the Navy of the said House, & whatsoever monies they shall receive and issue

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out by vertue of the same, they the said Commissioners, their Heires, Executors, & Administrators, shall be accquited, discharged, and kept harmlesse by authority of Parliament from any further question or accompt whatsoever, either to his Majesty, his Heirs or successors, in his Exchequer or else where, or to any other person or persons, saving the said Lords and Commons, or whom they shall appoint; And for the better managing of the said customes and the affairs thereof, it is further ordained by the said Lords and Commons, that the said Book of rates, and all & every the articles and instructions therein contained, or thereunto annexed, shall continue in full force during the continuance of this present Ordinance, which said Orders and instructions, as also all such other Orders and directions as they the said Commissioners

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Lawes of this kingdome prohibited to be exported, as by shipping, and landing of goods and Merchandize which ought to pay the duties aforesaid without the due payment thereof, or compounding for the same as is before directed, to the great preiudice of the State, & for the due punishment as well of such offendors, as of all such as shall be refractory or disobedient to this present Ordinance, or any other lawes or Ordinances made concerning the customes, or shall abuse or affront the said Commissioners, or any their deputies in the execution of the trust commited to them, the said Lords and Commons do further ordaine, that an Ordinance of both houses of Parliament, bearing date the fourteenth day of Aprill, one thousand six hundred fourty five, relating to the said Commissioners & their deputies, be continued

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in full force: And the said Commissioners, or the major part of them, are hereby further enabled to call before them any person or persons whom they shall think fit, to inform & testifie touching the premises, and to examine any such person other then the party himselfe upon Oath if need require, (which Oath the said Commissioners, or the major part of them, or such of their Deputies Collectors in the respective Out ports, as they shall appoint under their hands & seals, are hereby enabled to administer for the better discovery of any fraud, guile, force, or misbehaviour in the premises, & as occasion shall require to transmit such Offendors, together with such examinations relating to such misdemeanours wherewith he or they shall be chargeable or charged, as shall be taken as aforesaid, unto

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the Committee of Lords and Commons for regulating of the Excise, who are hereby authorized upon hearing the said charges & examinations there taken or such other proof as shall be made before them, to punish such offenders as in cases touching Excise as to them in their discretion shall seeme meet: And the said Lords and Commons do hereby require and enjoyne the said Commissioners for the Customes, & all their Deputies & Officers in all Ports & places throughout the kingdome of England, dominion of Wales, and town of Barwick, to apply themselves to the collection of the duties aforesaid, & execution of this Ordinance, & such other Lawes & Ordinances as are in force concerning the customes: & if in the due & vigorous execution thereof any Tumults, Riots, or other opposition shall be hereafter al-

attempted or acted against the said Commissioners, or any their Deputies, or under Officers, or others acting in their aid & assistance, the said Lords and Commons doe further order and enioyne, that all Sheriffes, Justices of the Peace, Deputy Lieutenants, Mayors, Bayliffs, Constables, Headboroughs, all other his Maiesties Officers in their severall counties Liberties, and Jurisdictions, be aiding and assisting unto the said Commissioners and their Deputies and Officers respectively in the collection of the said duties, and in suppressing of all Tumults, Riots, and disorders raised against them, or any of them in the execution of this present, or any other Ordinance of Parliament relating to the Customes as aforesaid. And the said Lords & Commons doe further require and enioyne,

That no Governour or Commander of any Garrisons, Towns, Castles or Forts under the service of the Parliament shall seize upon, or any waies anticipate from the said Commissioners, or their deputies collectors in the severall ports within the places aforesaid, any of the monies arising by the said Customs, nor protect any person or persons from paying thereof upon any pretence whatsoever: and that no Wharfinger, or Keeper of any Wharfe, Crane or Key, nor their servants, nor any Porter, Carman, Waterman, or any other person doe take up, or let downe, or otherwise permit to be landed upon, or shipped off his or their Wharfe or Key, any goods or Merchandize whatsoever, whereof the duties aforesaid shall be due and payable, but in the presence of one of the deputies of the said Commissioners

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for the Customes, and at such houres and times onely as by the lawes of this Land are in that case limited and appointed, upon paine of being proceeded against as contemners of the said Ordinance, and power of the Parliament; And the said Lords and Commons do further Ordaine, that in every Action, Suit, Indictment, Information or Prosecution wherein, or whereby the said Commissioners, their Deputies or servants, or any others acting in aid of them, are, or shall be sued, Indicted, Prosecuted or molested, it shall be lawfull for all and every the said persons, their Heires, Executors and Administrators, to plead the generall issue, and to give this, or any of the aforesaid Ordinances of Parliament relating to the Customes, in evidence in any of his Majesties Courts of Justice, or other Court

where the ſaid matter ſhall be depending, and the Judges of all the ſaid Courts are hereby ſtrictly required and enioyned to allow and admit of the ſame accordingly; Provided alwayes, that it be lawfull for all the Subiects of this Realm, and the Dominions aforeſaid, at their will and pleaſure to carry and tranſport out of this Realme in the ſhips, or other veſſels of any of the ſame Subiects, all, and every kind of Herrings, and other ſea fiſh to be taken upon the Seas by any of the Subiects aforeſaid out of any Port or Harbour of this Realm, to any place out of the Kings Dominions without paying any Cuſtomes, Subſidies, or Poundage money for the ſame Herrings or fiſh ſo carried, or tranſported within the time before mentioned, any thing before contained to the contrary not-

notwithstanding: Provided also, and it is declared, That this Ordinance, or any thing therein contained shall not be construed in any sort to repeale an Ordinance lately made for the regulating of the rates of Tobacco, nor to impeach the composition Trade of Dover, provided for by the said Ordinance of the 21 of Febr. 1644. And likewise it is Ordained by the authority aforesaid, that the said Booke of rates, Orders, and instructions therein contained, and thereunto annexed, together with the tenor of this present Ordinance, and the said Ordinances and Bill herein recited be transmitted under the Great Seale of England into the Echequer for proceedings thereupon, to be according to the contents and tenor of this Ordinance, and the true intent and meaning of the same, and the Com-

missioners of the Great Seale for the time being shall, and may, and are hereby authorized and required to performe and doe all act and acts for the transmission of the same accordingly: And it is further Ordained by the said Lords and Commons, That the Barons of the said Court of Exchequer, and all other the Officers and Ministers of the same Court respectively for the time being doe, and shall, and are hereby authorized and required to receive and proceed to Judgement upon any Bill, Plaint, or Information, which according to the true intent of this Ordinance is or shall be prosecuted before them touching any of the matters herein contained, according to the course of that court heretofore used when Tonnage and Poundage were at any time formerly granted, and that the

the Chief Baron, and other Ba-rons of the Coife of his Mai-ſties court of Exchequer, his Ma-ieſties Atturney-generall, or Sol-liciter-generall, or any three of them, whereof the ſaid Atturney, or Soliciter generall to be one, ſhall, and may compound for all ſuch ſeiſures and forfeitures in and by this Ordinance, limited and ap-pointed to be paid to the Commiſ-ſioners and Collectors of the Cu-ſtomes for the time being for the uſe of the Navy, or to ſuch uſe as the ſaid two houſes of Parliament ſhall from time to time limit and appoint, as by the true intent and meaning of this preſent Ordi-nance, or of the ſaid Ordinance of the 21 of February, have happe-ned, or ſhall happen or accrew; and upon ſuch compoſition made, and payment thereof, the ſaid Court of Exchequer to give iudgement

for the discharge of such forfeiture, and also that the same Court, or any of the Barons of the Coife there shall, and may give licence to such informer to treat, and compound with the defendant for the said other part of any such seisure or forfeiture; Provided also, that a certaine liquor called Spirits lately imported into this Kingdome from forrein parts, and not rated in the said Booke of rates, be henceforth rated, in regard of the subsidy payable upon the importation thereof at foure and twenty pounds per Tun, and the said subsidy payable by this Ordinance upon the same to be henceforth levied according to that rate and value, and so after that rate for every greater or lesser quantity thereof, and that a certain silke stuffe called Sarsnets of Genoa, and other silk stuff, called Pranellas, and all other

oth. ulk ſtuffs of the like fabrick or goodneſſe be henceforth rated, viz. The broad at eighten ſhillings per ell, and the narrow at nine ſhillings per ell, and the Subſidy thereof to be henceforth leavied according to thoſe Rates: And provided, that the half ſubſidy by the ſecond Article of Inſtructions, annexed to the ſaid book of rates, directed to bee repaid to Merchants upon exportation of ſuch Forreigne Goods and Merchandize as had formerly advanced the Subſidy inwards, in caſe the ſame ſhall not really bee ſhipped out by the importer therof, and for his owne accompt or by or for the accompt of the firſt or ſecond buyer thereof at the furtheſt, and the truth thereof appeare upon Oath before the Commiſſioners and Officers of the cuſtomes be henceforth forborne to be repaid by the ſaid

ſaid Commiſſioners of the Cuſtomes, the ſaid Articles or Inſtructions notwithſtanding: And provided alſo, that the halfe Subſidy heretofore repaid to Merchants upon exportation of any Wines formerly imported be likewiſe henceforth forborne to be paid; And provided laſtly, that in all caſes where any goods or Merchandize which by the intention of the inſtructions annexed to the ſaid Book of Rates are to paſſe ad valorem, the ſaid goods and merchandize be henceforth rated and valued, viz. in the Port of London, by the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Cuſtomes, or one of thē, together with the Comptroller or Surveyor in the Port of London, or one of them upon view of the ſaid Goods, and in the out-Ports by the Deputy Collector of the ſaid Commiſſioners, together with one of the

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ſaid Officers in the reſpective out-Ports in like manner, and that the value of the ſaid Goods be by them entred upon the Warrant ſigned by themſelves by which the ſaid Goods are to paſſe, and the Subſidy or other Duties by this Ordinance payable for the ſame, to be levied and taken according to that rate and value.

Die Jovis, 16 Decemb. 1647.

ORdered by the Commons Aſſembled in Parliament, That this Ordinance concerning the Subſidy of *Tonnage* and *Poundage*, be forthwith Printed and publiſhed.

Hen. Elſyng. Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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Die Sabbathi, 27. *Decemb.* 1647.

WHereas by Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament bearing date the 16th day of December, 1647. the payment of a subsidy of Tonnage and Poundage is ordained to be paid, upon all Goods & Merchandize, to be exported out of, or imported into this Kingdome of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Barwick, in such sort as in the said Ordinance is expressed, the said payments to continue from the 26. day of March, 1648. inclusive unto the 26. day of March, which shall be in the Yeere of our Lord 1651. inclusive, as by the said Ordinance more at large appeareth.

Now the said Lords and Commons

mons do ordaine and declare, that Samuell Avery, and Christopher Pack, Aldermen of the City of London, Richard Bateman, Charles Llyod, and Walter Boothby of London, Merchants, the present Commissioners and Collectors of the Customes; are and shal be Commissioners and Collectors thereof. And by this Ordinance they the said Samuell Avery, Christopher Pack, Richard Bateman, Charles Lloyd, and Walter Boothby, and their Deputy and Deputies by them to be authorized, under their hands and seales, are enabled to collect and receive upon Accompt, all such sum and sums of money which from and after the said 26 day of March, 1648. inclusive, shall by vertue of the said Ordinance be payable, or paid for Customes or Subsidies, or otherwise, for or in respect of Goods or Merchandize exported out of, or imported into the Port of London,

London, and all other Ports in the Realme of England, Dominion of Wales, & Town of Barwick, in such sort as the said duties of Tonnage and Poundage have been formerly collected by themselves, or the late Commissioners for the Customes; And in such manner as by the said Ordinance and such other Ordinances, Orders & Instructions as they have already received or shall hereafter receive from both Houses of Parliament or the Commitee thereof, appointed for regulating the affairs of the Navy and Customes, they are or shall be directed or appointed.

Provided nevertheless, that if at any time hereafter, the said Lords and Commons, shall first satisfie and pay to the said Commissioners for the Customes, all such summe and summes of money, as they the said Commissioners have al-

already advanced and lent unto the State, upon the credit of the Customes, or shall hereafter further advance or lend unto the State for the services of the Navy, with interest after the rate of 8. per cent. per an. for the forbearance thereof for so long time as the same shall be forborne, Together with such allowances as are or shall be due unto them by any Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament, in that regard already Ordained or hereafter to be made. that in such case after due satisfaction & payment made as aforesaid, the said Commissioners shall be removeable from the said imployment as the said Lords and Commons shall think fit.

Io. Brown Cler. Parlia.

FINIS.